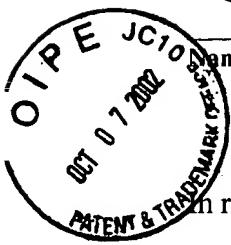


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in re Application of: BATARSEH *et al.*)
Application No.: 09/761,561) Group Art Unit: 1616
Filed: January 17, 2001) Examiner: Frank Choi

For: MICROBICIDAL FORMULATIONS AND METHODS TO CONTROL MICROORGANISMS

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 7, 2002

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated July 8, 2002, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before October 8, 2002. (This deadline is based on the Petition Decision dated July 8, 2002.)

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claims 5, 6, and 17 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter recited therein.

Please substitute the following amended claims for the pending claims with the same numbers in the above-identified application. (A version of the amended claims with markings to show the changes made is also attached.)

Subj-1 1. (Amended) A microbicidal composition comprising at least one disinfectant and a complex of the formula R-M, wherein R is at least one organic chelating moiety and M is at least